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Your Flag and My Flag

By WILBUR D. NESBIT

YOUR Flag and my Flag! And oh, how much it holds—
Your heart and my heart—surely within its folds!
Your heart and my heart beat quicker at the sight
Of blood and blood-red stripes—red and blue and white.
The one Flag—the great Flag—the Flag for me and you—
Shall all else beside—the red and white and blue.

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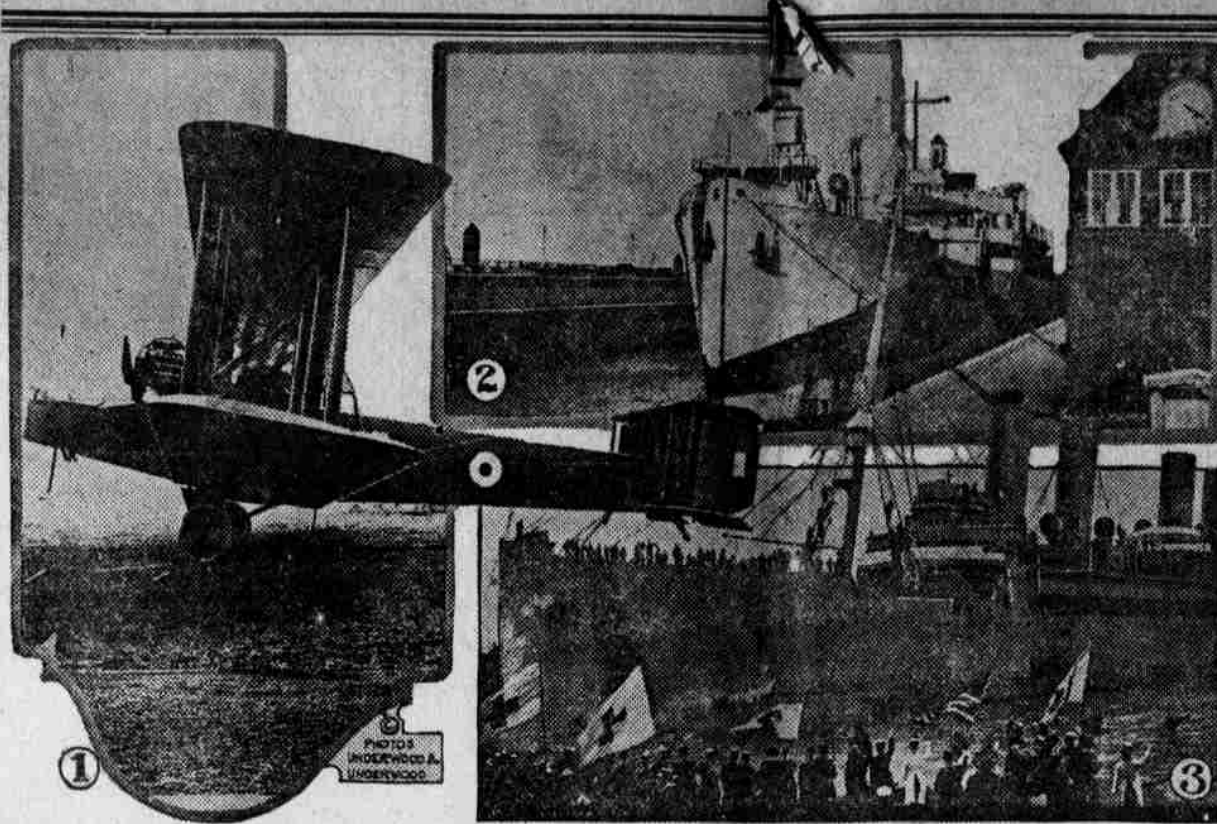
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1—Handley Page "Berlin Bomber" with Rolls Royce engines, that is being set up in Newfoundland for a try at a transatlantic flight in June. 2—U. S. S. Westward Ho in the Kiel canal carrying food sent by the Polish national committee to the starving Poles and Jews. 3—Arrival of the transport Mount Vernon carrying the One Hundred and Thirty-second infantry, formerly the Second regiment L. N. G. of Chicago.

NEWS REVIEW OF
CURRENT EVENTS

Germans Given Another Week to
Complete Their Protests
Against the Treaty.

ALLIES CONCEDING NOTHING

Ironical Replies to Brockdorff-Rantzau's
Notes—Displeased American Ex-
perts Resign—Wilson's Stand
on Wartime Prohibition
Arouses Storm—Suf-
frage Winning in
Congress.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD.

Stalling and playing for time by
handing in many voluminous protests
and promising to produce many more,
the German delegates to the peace con-
ference succeeded last week in gaining
an extension of time to May 29 for
making their full reply to the treaty
terms. To expedite the work Brock-
dorff-Rantzau asked leave for a spe-
cial train to take printing presses and
printers to Versailles.

Among the notes, he said, that are
to be presented to the allies were
those dealing with Alsace-Lorraine,
with the occupied territories, with the
extent and discharge of the reparations
obligation undertaken by Ger-
many, with labor laws, with German
private property in enemy countries,
and with territorial questions in the
east.

The answers of the allies to the
notes already submitted by the Ger-
mans could not have given the latter
much encouragement as to results.
When they complained of the taking of
mines and nitrate beds they were told
the treaty did not prevent their buying
minerals and nitrates from other na-
tions; when they objected to the loss
of their mercantile shipping and the
consequent loss of employment for
their sailors, they were reminded that
the allies were not thus nearly com-
pensated for their losses due to sub-
marine ravages; and when they said
Germany would be unable to feed her
population if deprived of agricultural
lands, they were told the reduction of
population through the loss of territory
left her fewer mouths to feed, and the
Germans could easily obtain agricul-
tural products from other countries.

The attitude of the allied delegates
is that their countries have suffered
far too much already, and it is the
turn of Germany, and they assert the
German people cannot shirk the re-
sponsibility for the war because of a
partial and perhaps nominal change in
their form of government and in its
personalities. Such, indeed, was the
substance of the reply of the council
of four to the German note regarding
reparations, in which the Hun dele-
gates declared Germany would not ad-
mit responsibility. They were told it
was too late to take such a position
and that it was impossible to disasso-
ciate responsibility from reparation.
Having asserted the German people
would not have undertaken a war of
aggression, they are reminded that
they approved of Secretary Lansing's
note of November 5, 1918, in which it
was stated that the obligation to
make reparation "arises out of Ger-
many's aggression by land, sea and
air." The Germans asked that the re-
port of the commission on responsibil-
ity be communicated to them; this was
peremptorily refused.

Of course it is apparent that in try-
ing to disclaim the responsibility of
the German people for the war of ag-
gression the Berlin delegates are rely-
ing on President Wilson's early conten-
tion that America was making war not
on the German people but on the
military autocracy that was oppressing
them. After a while he admitted he
was disillusioned by realization that
the German people heartily supported
their government as long as they were
winning battles, and then he directed
the exertion of "force without stint or

limit." However, the Germans choose
to remember rather his former stand,
and on that and the Fourteen Points,
they base most of their objections to
the treaty terms. Those points are
especially emphasized in the statement
issued last week by the Scheidemann
cabinet which says Germany cannot
possibly accept the treaty as formul-
ated.

What the Germans really will do
about the treaty is still the subject of
much speculation. Opinion in Paris
that they ultimately will sign is un-
changed, and is supported by advices
from Berlin to the effect that a power-
ful party is growing there in favor of
submitting to the allies and gaining
peace that will permit the resumption
of business. In this the Independent
Socialists are joined by bankers, mer-
chants and many others, who say that
anything would be preferable to bol-
shevism. In Washington it is believed
that the Ebert government may retire
temporarily in order to let a dummy
government approve the treaty. The
dummies thereupon would be ousted by
public opinion and the Ebert crowd
could return, but the treaty would have
been signed.

It may be that final ratification of
the treaty will be delayed by the ac-
tion of the United States senate, which
has begun debate on the league of na-
tions covenant. Some Republican
leaders wish to notify the peace con-
ference formally that the covenant
must be amended and should be sepa-
rated from the peace treaty of which
it is now an integral part. It is certain,
too, that the peace terms will be se-
cularized at length by the senate. Sen-
ator Hitchcock and other supporters
of the government are convinced that
both the treaty and the league coven-
ant will be ratified by the senate.

An interesting fact concerning the
peace negotiations has just developed.
A number of the experts attached to
the American delegation have resigned,
declaring the treaty is unacceptable to
them in many respects. They were
taken over to gather historical, racial
and other data, and they assert that
the mass of information they handed
in has not been used or even read by
the delegates. They more than im-
pugnate the framing of the peace
treaty degenerated quickly into a pro-
cess of bargaining and that Mr. Wilson
was compelled to surrender his ideals,
one after another, in order to put
across his main idea of a league of
nations. According to these malcon-
tents, the settlement of the Saar basin,
Danzig, Shantung and other problems
was all wrong, and they evidently have
no confidence that the Italian middle
will be cleared up properly and justly.

What shall be done with Turkey?
was a question that occupied the at-
tention of the council of four last week.
President Wilson acting rather in an
advisory capacity since America was
not at war with the Porte. Some of
the delegates wish the sultan to be re-
moved to a small territory in Asia
Minor and Constantinople turned over
to the United States under mandate.
The Indian delegates, however, fear
that to force the sultan to quit Con-
stantinople would cause great trouble
in the Mohammedan world, and there-
fore the British prefer that he be left
there but with only spiritual powers.
Though it seems to be accepted that
America shall be the mandatory for
Armenia, it is not at all certain that
the American people would be willing
to take charge of the Turkish capital.

Continued fighting between the Poles
and the Ukrainians gave the delegates
added trouble, for the Ukrainians, who
were losing ground in Galicia, com-
plained bitterly, blaming the "insane
policy of the allies in supporting the
Poles." Paderewski apparently cannot
compel his countrymen to cease hos-
tilities, and the council of four took
under consideration the wisdom of
giving further support to any people
who refuse to obey orders from the
conference. Jews throughout the world
also have been aroused against the
Poles by reports of bloody pogroms in
which thousands of their race have
been slain, and mass-meetings of pro-
test were held last week in the larger
American cities. The leaders of the

Poles deny the accuracy of the stories
and point to the fact that their relief
organization is supplying food and
clothing to Jew and gentile alike.

Recent news from the near East says
Lenine and Trotzky have established
airplane communication with the Hun-
garian communists and are urging Bela
Kun to hold out at all costs, promising
aid as soon as they get possession of
Roumania. The Red army, it is as-
serted, has orders to burn Budapest and
scatter if too hard pressed. Meanwhile
an anti-communist government has
been set up at Arad, Hungary, and the
belief that it has the backing of the
allies is confirmed by the arrival there
of Gen. Franchet d'Esperay for the
purpose of directing a new movement
against Budapest. Lenine is quoted as
declaring he will make class warfare
until capitalism is destroyed and the
whole world is one in brotherhood.

Admiral Kolchak has been notified
that the allies will recognize the gov-
ernment at Omsk as soon as it is firm-
ly established and a constituent as-
sembly is formed, and he has replied
that he is striving hopefully toward
that end. It is said only 50,000 of the
Czecho-Slovak troops who went to
Russia are left, and these are making
their way to their homes in Bohemia.

The international woman's congress
at Zurich, after registering its op-
position to the peace treaty, has adopt-
ed a resolution declaring that the
women of the world will go on strike
the moment another war starts, wheth-
er or not it is ordered by the league of
nations.

President Wilson's message cabled
from Paris and read to congress as-
sembled in extraordinary session,
made various recommendations for do-
mestic legislation, most of which had
been anticipated by the caucus pro-
gram of the Republicans, who control
both houses. These include the ques-
tion of labor, the revision of taxes, the
stimulating of foreign trade, the return
of telegraph and telephone lines to
their owners, the settlement of the
railroad question and the adoption of
woman suffrage. Mr. Wilson added
the advice that the war-time prohibi-
tion law, which goes into effect July
1, be amended or repealed in so far
as it applies to beers and wines. For a
day or so the "wets" were jubilant over
this part of the message, but the "drys"
promptly declared their intention to
prevent any such action as the presi-
dent recommended, and took steps to
put into effect the measure as it
stands. Temperance and church bod-
ies all over the country joined in de-
nunciation of Mr. Wilson for what
they termed surrender to the enemy.
Sheppard of Texas, introducing in the
senate a bill providing means for en-
forcement of the law, said he knew
of no senator brave enough to intro-
duce a bill repealing the measure, and
in any event such an attempt would
be certainly defeated. He attributed
the president's attitude to representa-
tions made to him of widespread un-
rest among labor as to enforcement of
the law.

The suffragists are about to reap
the reward of their years of strenuous
effort. The house last week passed
a resolution for a suffrage amendment
to the Constitution, and there seems
to be no doubt that the senate will
take similar action, for enough votes
are pledged. The vote in the house
was 304 to 88, most of the opposition
coming from the Southern Democrats.

Spectacular success and tragic fail-
ure marked the week's doings in aerial
navigation. Three American navy sea-
planes, after making the flight to New-
foundland, sailed away for the Azores
along a course dotted with navy ves-
sels. One reached its destination safe-
ly, one was lost near the islands, and
the third, after landing on the water, "taxi-
ed" 205 miles to its port—a wonder-
ful achievement. The successful
plane was prepared for further flight
to Portugal and thence to England.

Pilot Hawker and Navigator Grieve,
in their Sopwith plane, undertook their
long-planned flight direct from New-
foundland to Ireland, and met the fate
of so many pioneers. They never
reached land, and just what befell
them probably will be forever a mys-
tery.



by Wilbur D Nesbit
Author of
"Your Flag and My Flag"

The banner breaks in glory on the breeze,
The trumpets sing from all their brazen throats
A chorused chant of thrilling harmonies,
The drumbeats throb amid the ringing notes—
An echo, but a growing echo; yes,
An echo that is flung from hill to plain,
An echo that shall never grow the less,
Born from the chord that was not struck in vain.

The diapason of the booming guns
Blends with the shriller sounding of the cheers—
Ah, this had been foreboded by those great ones
Who planned the structure in the former years,
Who dreamed and dared, and gave of wealth and life
That this great nation-song should never cease,
Who blent the surging song of somber strife
With all the after croons of honored peace!

And so today the southland and the north
Clasp hands with their blood-brothered east and west
And in the mighty song their lips send forth
The fullness of our faith is all expressed.
And deeper than the very deepest chord
Are the foundations laid in days ago
When men for hearth and home and manhood warred—
The truths our nation has been builded on.

And higher than the farthest reach of song
That quivers in the bosom of the sky
There flames the flag of faith above the throng—
The flag whose plan and purpose cannot die.
The flag of promise floats from sea to sea,
The bugles shout in answer to the drum
And send a sense of strength to you and me
From days that were, and are, and are to come!



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"MADE IN AMERICA"

Push For Prosperity!

Every man who is out of
work in America would
have employment if the
people of the United States
confined their purchases for
the next few months to
goods made here.
When you buy ask where
the articles are made. Re-
ject foreign goods.
Commodities made by
American labor ought to be
good enough for American
citizens.

NON-RESIDENT ATTACHMENT
NOTICE.J. W. Surey vs. C. M. Tallant, et al.
No. 16346Before J. R. Ailor, Justice of the
Peace for Knox County, Tennessee.

In this case, it appears by affi-
davit that defendant C. M. Tallant is
justly indebted to plaintiff, and is a
non resident of Tennessee, so that
ordinary process of law cannot be
served upon him, and an original
attachment having been levied upon
his property and returned to me, it
is therefore ordered that publica-
tion be made in the Knoxville In-
dependent, a newspaper published in
the City of Knoxville, Tenn., for
four consecutive weeks, command-
ing the defendant, C. M. Tallant, to
appear before me, at my office in
Knoxville, Tenn., on the 6th day of
June 1919, and make defense to
said suit, or it will be proceeded
with ex parte.

This 10th day of May 1919
J. R. Ailor, Justice of the Peace for
Knox County, Tennessee.
May, 10 17-24-31 1919

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The National Federation of General
Workers in Great Britain, representing
nearly 1,000,000 men and women, is
making a strenuous fight for a 44-hour
work week.

Nearly all the ship yards in England,
Scotland and Ireland were made idle,
owing to workmen leaving their places
until they are granted shorter hours
and improved working conditions.

The managers of the Burden Iron
mills in Troy, N. Y., announced that
the plant would close for an indefinite
period. Lack of orders was given as
the reason. The mills employ 5,000
hands.

The strike of employees of slaughter-
houses at Paris, France, has been de-
clared off, the men being satisfied with
measures being taken by the authori-
ties to remedy conditions of which
complaint was made.

Closer co-operation is being brought
about between the Regina (Canada)
Great War Veterans' association and the
Trades and Labor council by the
granting to the veterans of five seats
on the labor council.

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